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Applicant(s) : Stefan Thiem  
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Title : Drive System For An Apparatus For Staining Specimens  
  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 24, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces the incomplete listing provided in the Amendment filed October 12, 2006.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.